



Dear Marines and Family Members of MALS-26,

On behalf of our Executive Officer, Major Kline, SgtMaj Gongora, and our Family Readiness Officer, Mrs. Kristin Jones, I would like to welcome you to the MALS-26 Family – “The Patriots.” As the Squadron Commander, I know the success of our Marines and Sailors is largely due to the superb support provided by their spouses, parents and family members at home. Thank you for your continued support of our Marines and Sailors.

As the Commanding Officer, I recognize the sacrifices required of our families. I have made an effort to support and enhance the family life associated with service to our country and to the Marine Corps by making our Family Readiness Program a priority. Fortunately, our Family Readiness Program has the support of caring, efficient Family Readiness Volunteers, giving their personal time and efforts to contribute to the success of this command. The Family Readiness Officer is my official communication link with you while the unit is at home, on a training exercise, or deployed. The network of our volunteers is especially important as a means of providing information about resources available in the local area. To learn more about the Family Readiness Program, and how you can get involved, please call (910)449-4904.

There are many programs for spouses and children offered aboard MCAS New River such as deployment support groups, new parent support, and instructional and sports classes for the kids. Please take advantage of all the services MCCA and Marine Corps Family Team Building has to offer. For more information on what MCCA has to offer or to obtain a current schedule, please contact MCFTB at (910)449-5343.

Again, welcome to MALS-26. The Command Team and I hope to meet you personally at one of our unit activities. Please keep the unit leadership informed about new additions to your family, and check the newsletter and website for information about Squadron upcoming events.

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond G. Baker
Commanding Officer, MALS-26